



SKYWARN TIMES

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 E-Spotter Report: www.crh.noaa.gov/spotter/
 PACKET RADIO CHANNEL: 145.090 MHz.
 PACKET APRS WX: 144.390 MHz
 INTERNET: www.wxspots.com
 MARQUETTE NWS: wx8mqt-1 (Use 145.090 Mhz Packet radio - AX.25)
 APRS DIGIPEATER IN MARQUETTE: K8LOD-3
 PACKET LINK: [Digipeater] c cmxlan.....c kwnw.....c wx8mqt-1 (AX.25 Packet)
 SPOTTER'S LINK TO NWS: 1-800-828-8002 (Spotter's only):

NOAA WX HOME PAGE IN MARQUETTE: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt/>
 AMATEUR RADIO STATION IN NEGAUNEE: WX8MQT
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The following hams checked in to the SKYWARN NET during the month of July, 2009.
 Those marked with an "*" are placed on the Honor Roll, having checked in all 5 weeks
 of this month:

CALLSIGN	NAME	TOWN	NR OF CHECK-INS
WB8FCY	Chuck	Jacobsville	1
*W8FWG	George	Laurium	5
KD8GBH	David	Dollar Bay	3
*K9GIR	Dennis	Eagle Harbor	5
K8HRO	Randy	Aura	3
N8HZH	Jon	Dodgeville	2
KD8JAM	Bill	Allouez	4
W8KQB	Tom	Elo	1
WX8MQT	Bill	Negaunee	3
KA8QCU	Doug	Chassell	1
* KC8YDU	Mark	Hancock	5
K8YSZ	Gary	Bumbletown	2

Total Check-ins for July. 35

WHAT IS SKYWARN?

(A review updated Feb. 6, 2009)

The effects of severe weather are felt every year by many Americans. To obtain critical weather information, NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, established SKYWARN® with partner organizations. SKYWARN® is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the National Weather Service.

Although SKYWARN® spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a SKYWARN® spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. In the average year, 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threatened lives and property.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by SKYWARN® spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled NWS to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

SKYWARN® storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time--seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service and access to communication, such as HAM radio, to join the SKYWARN® program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

NWS has 122 local Weather Forecast Offices, each with a Warning Coordination Meteorologist, who is responsible for administering the SKYWARN® program in their local area. Training is conducted at these local offices and covers:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

Classes are free and typically are about two hours long. To find out when a SKYWARN® class will be conducted in local your area, contact your local Warning Coordination Meteorologist at: <http://www.stormready.noaa.gov/contact.htm>

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That's all for this month. Thanks for your participation each Friday night on the KCRA "315" Repeater. C U on Friday !

-73-

George, W8FWG
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